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# ALLIES SHELL ST. QUENTIN FROM THREE SIDES; GERMAN GRIP ON NEW LINE NEARLY BROKEN; U.S. MAKES PLEA TO END RUSSIAN TERRORISM

## U. S. SHIPPING BOARD SHOWS HOW AMERICA **OUTSTRIPS U-BOATS**

August Building Exceeds German Destruction of Vessels by 1,639 Tons.

WORLD RECORDS SET

This Country Takes First Place in Construction of Seagoing Craft.

FORMERLY A POOR THIRD

Has 1,020 Ways and Employs 386,000, Besides 300,000 in Allied Industries.

Special Desputed to THE SEN. WASHINGTON, Sept. 21. - United States ship construction alone outstrips submarine losses.

The complete breakdown of the U-boat campaign against the Allies and the neutrals is clearly portrayed in a resume of the shipping situation of the world, compiled by the Shipping Board.

Ship construction in the United States for the month of August surpassed the total of submarine destruction by more than a thousand tons. Since May last the world's ship construction rate has been greater than of the rate of destruc-

The Allies' net loss from submarines is but 3,362,088 deadweight tons, a surprising figure when the tremendous losses of the early days of unreyear has placed this nation in the van on Shooters Island to Thirty-ninth the shipbuilding countries of the street, Brooklyn.

German Failure Exhibited.

in the following table: (Germany and Austria excluded.)

Total losses (allied and neutral) Total enemy tonnage captured to

Perimated normal increase in world's 'onnage if war had not occurred based on rate of increase 1955-

Allied monthly construction passed defruction for the first time in May of

August deliveries to the Shipping Board and other seasoing construction in the United States for private parties

The figures for August are: Deliveries to the United States Shipconstruction over 1.000 tons

America slone surpassed losses for

roughly 77,631,528 deadweight tons (Lloyd's

Enemy's Submarine Blockade.

At the outset of the war Germany proposed to cripple England with a subblockade that would starve the

rought defeat to the German cause. can and affied have state down, while by women ambulance drivers, this nation has put ship production on a

The present ratio of sinking and construction insures that Germany's efforts plete failure and that shipping will be

Within the jurisdiction of the United States Shipping Board at the present 185 seagoing vessels totalling 9,511,915 the pier. deadweight tons. Of these 1,294, total-American flag under charter to the Ship-

the war the American merchant marine pansion of the fleet within the jurisdic

#### Airplanes Transport Troops for First Time

Special Despatch to Tun Sun. WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 .-Announcement was made to-day at the War Department that for the first time soldiers under orders for duty have been transported in the United States

On Saturday, September 7, eighteen enlisted men were passengers in airplanes piloted by officers and the airplanes in formation of three, four and five hips carried the men from Chanute Field, Rantoul, to Champaign, Ill., where the men had been ordered to report at the United States School of Military Aeronautics, University of

# 15 SCALDED BY **BOAT EXPLOSION**

150 Shipbuilders in Peril on Staten Island Sound as Steam Pipes Burst.

50 RESCUED FROM WATER

The Julia Stafford, in U. S. Ship Board Service, Is Able to Reach a Pier.

so hadly that they may die, when three stricted submarine warfare are resteam pipes exploded last night on the colled. The recovery of the Allies is Julia Stafford, an excursion steamboat due to the ship construction progress | chartered by the United States Shipping made in the United States, which in a Board to ferry them from the shippards

with and some without life preservers.

an equal distance. One who swam to the institution was and when he jumped he already had and body, both by water and steam. before some of the others who had not the five listed at St. Vincent's as having small chance to recover.

#### Turboats Make Beacues.

Twenty-five of the men who jumped 144,121 and other craft that hurried to the assistance of the Julia Stafford. None of 16.918 them was any the worse for the duck-

Capt. William J. Smith signalled to long time and has driven them back 143 Engineer Matthew McCormick to put about twenty miles through this mounon full speed shead, if that were pos-10. 1914, totaled 49.089.552 gross tons, or sible. It was, since the pipes that burst ports the British have reopened activi engine, and in less than two minutes however, that the British have withburst the boat was headed for the pier at Sailors Snug Harbor, which she made

without much difficulty. Persons on the Staten Island shore thips were sunk at a rate that threat- and who heard plainly the reports of ened to cripple the world's commerce. the triple explosion telephoned to Staten successful advance. It appears that the When unrestricted submarine warfare Julia Stafford had blown up and that being the first to enter St. Miblel was that brought the United States into the more than a hundred men had been struggle was declared, Germany, thinking killed. The police notified all of the isid end the war, and hospitals, the New York Navy Yard and Harbor Police Squad A, as well as time ships were sunk at the rate the Staten Islan! Red Cross Chapter can and allied navies have been con-ough Ambulance Corps, which is operated

#### Victims Taken to Hospital.

Dr. Ainschles, from St. Vincent's Hosford was being made fast to a pier. He referring to the First American Divi-treated all of the injured, and then which I will read to you, indicating turned the five most seriously burned standing which our units have with the over to the lady ambulance drivers to British as well as with the French. I be taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. The have read some similar orders which rest of the injured also were taken to

tion is considered critical are Alexander Hasburg Si. of 206 Twelfth street; Al-There are also \$91 foreign vessels, total-ling 2,915,510 deadweight tens.

At the time the United States entered the war the American

examined the burst pipes but were un able to determine the cause of the ex-plosion. The boat was towed back to

# U.S. TROOPS NOW ON FOREIGN SOIL TOTAL 1,750,000

Gen. March Declares Situation Steadily Improves on Fighting Front.

CLOSING ON ST. QUENTIN

High Praise From Scottish General for Aid Given by First Yankee Division.

Special Despatch to Tan Sen. WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 .- More than a million and three-quarters of American troops have now been embarked for overseas service, according to the announcement made to-day by Gen. Peyton C. March, Chief of Staff. The situation on the battle front was referred to by Gen. March as continuously good. The Americans are now only twelve miles from Metz.

"On the western front," said Gen March, "our new line in Lorraine, so rapidly produced by cutting off the enemy in the St. Mihiel salient, was quickly stabilized. The enemy has een hurriedly strengthening his line of defence, the so-called Kriemheld ine, which lies only a mile or two in Metz.

eral section and, as you can see on the map, is a very important strategic point from which railways feed the Lorraine front. During the last few days there our army or the enemy's. Reports indition and artillery fire.

Fourth armies with the French First army renewed their advance Wednes-The explosion occurred at 6 o'clock toward the old Hindenburg line. In decisive stage and that a new Government toward the vessel, with 150 aboard, was in spite of the concentration of the enemy taken which will act independently of Staten Island Sound. Fifty of the shipforces defending this sector and in spite
builders leaped into the water, some
of very strong counter attacks by the Ten or a dozen swam the half mile to and southwest of Cambral, the British have made steady progress, reaching the Tageblatt's statement. Sailors Snug Harbor on Staten Island, Hindenburg line at several points, and the enemy is reported to have lost very heavily. It is now officially confirmed Joseph Neiser, 38, of 237 Forty-sixth heavily. It is now officially confirmed that 10,000 prisoners have been captured. St. Quentin is now hardly three miles from the British on the north-"On the plateau northeast of Solspons the French have continued to force back the enemy's best troops until they are been touched. He collapsed when he now within half a mile from the junction of the Maubeuge road and the period popular heroes, is likely to succeed operations along the entire front have een minor in character.

> Advance on Balkan Front. "The reports in the press about the

successful operations of the Serbian people. army on the Balkan front are correct. The Serbian army attacked the Bulgarians on a front of twenty-five miles on a sector that has been quiet for a tainous region. According to official reties in Palestine. It is also reported city is again in the hands of the Turks

"In connection with the American operations at St. Mihlel we have a very interesting cablegram giving some details of the fine work of the French who led by the son of the Prime Minister, Clemenceau, a regiment of zouaves colonial infantry and Foreign Legion, composed almost entirely of men be longing to the laboring class. This organization was the first organization of either army to enter St. Miniel. The work of the French in connection with that fighting was of the high character that we find them always showing all

"Here is a copy of a commendatory order from Major-Gen. H. L. Reed, com-

Thanks for American Valor

"Major-Gen. Reed says:
"I would like on behalf of all ranks
of the Fifteenth (Scottish) Division to express to you personally, to your staff and to all our comrades in your splendid division our most sincere thanks for all that has been done to help us in a diffi-

Food Riots in Germany; Palace Is Attacked

ZURICH, Sept. 21.-Serious food riots continue at Salz-burg, according to Munich papers. Rioters attacked the Government palace and broke down the doors whereupon the gendarmes fired, killing or wounding several. Hotels have been looted, food shops raided and army stores

## GERMANS WAKE TO WAR CRISIS

Socialists Lead Movement for Representative Parliamentary Government.

OPPOSITION TO JUNKERS

With Allied Guns Hammering on Frontier People Try to Avert Disaster.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SEX. Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. ROTTERDAM. Sept. 21 .- There are un change of the trend of the war, by which Germany has lost the initiative and is being forced back to her own frontiers with the defeats suffered by her alfront of our new line on a front of ties, is having its political effect in the about twenty miles, from near Maize- fatherland. The proposal now is being to the perpetrators of the present ray to the Moselle River at Vandieres. considered for the establishment of a crimes. We are now ten miles away from Con-representative parliamentary form of flens and twelve miles away from government with the cooperation of the

Social Democrats. . The information reached Rotterdam nounced anti-Junker group in Reichstag, and it is by no means confined to the members of the Social Democratic party. Among its adherents are several shipping and industrial magnates from Hamburg and Bremen, who, whatever their military principles may be have made no secret recently of their determination to oppose the Junker ele-

"In Picardy the British Third and ment in all matters of high politics.

The Leipzig Tageblatt says, appar ently on inspired authority, that the day on the Cambrai-St. Quentin front Government crisis is approaching the enemy at several points, especially west from army headquarters, is imminent Berlin papers attach importance to the

Germania, the personal organ of Count von Hertling, the German Imperial Chancellor, comments favorably on the proposal. It is generally assumed, it says, that the present Chancellor has supported the succession of Admiral von Behncke as head of the German Admiralty in place of Admiral von Capelle, pointment was only temporary.

von Hindenburg, also shows the drift of that there is an imperative need for new leadership and different internal policies to restore the morale of the German

#### TERMS PROPOSED BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

Insist on Representation in New Government.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 21.-The Social Democrats in Germany, according to advices reaching here, are willing to enter the proposed parliamentary form of government as announced by the Leipsic Tageblatt on the following

First-The abolition of certain Second-The entry of at least two or three Social Democrats in

overnment.
Third—The occupation of one important political post, presumably the Ministry of the Interior, by a Socialist, for which Friedrich Ebert, president of the Main Committee of the Reichstag and vice-president the Social Democratic party, is foremost candidate.

its attitude as to the Chancellorship a meeting on Monday. A section of the party is following the lead of Herr Geeroeber, one of its Reichstag representatives, in a desire to retain Count von Hertling. The majority of the party, however, demands the retirement of the Chancellor. Count Brockdorff, Rantsau, German Minister at Copenhagen, is chiefly mentioned as the Chan-cellor's successor. The Tageblatt advocates the selection of Count Brockdorff.

The Vossische Zeitung commentie part corresponds with what is being dis-cussed in party circles, but doubts that affairs have yet assumed such definite form as the Tageblatt suggests. The Vassische Zeitung declares that nothing is yet known about the Socialists having definitely formulated demands, but ex-pects that the party's chief demand will be for a change in the constitution which it ways is also favored by the Center. "During many instances of "taking over" which we have experienced in the war we have never received such assistance, and that rendered on the most it says is also favored by the Centre

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# LANSING URGES CIVILIZATION TO STOP RED RULE

Appeals to Allies and Neutrals to Act Against Bolsheviki.

Wholesale Slaughter Similar to Teuton Atrocities in Belgium.

Special Despatch to Tax Scs. WASHINGTON, Sept. 21. - Following receipt of authentic advices from Russia, Secretary Lansing, on behalf of the United States Government, has U. S. GUNS HARASS ENEMY addressed an appeal to allied and neutral Governments to take immediate action toward checking the reign of red terror which is resulting in wholesale executions in Moscow and Petro-

The appeal, which American diplomatic representatives in allied and neutral countries will communicate to the Governments to which they are accredited, calls for a combined protest of civilized peoples against the mass terrorism now raging in Russia. It is hoped that means will be found to communicate the views of civilization

#### Lansing's Telegram.

The telegram which Mr. Lansing

This Government is in receipt of information from reliable sources re-vealing that the peaceable Russian citizens of Moscow. Petrograd and other cities are suffering from an other cities are suffering from an openly avowed campaign of mars terrorism and are subject to wholesale executions. Thousands of persons have been shot without even a form of triat; iil administered prisons are filled beyond capacity and every night scores of Russian citizens are recklessly put to death and irresponsible bands are venting that heart analysis. venting their brutal passions in the daily massacre of untold innocents.

In view of the earnest desire of the people of the United States to befriend the Russian people and lend them all possible assistance in their struggle to reconstruct their nation upon people of democracy and selfgovernment and acting therefore solely in the interest of the Russian pe themselves this Government feels

It cannot be stient or refrain from expressing its horror at this existing state of terrorism. Furthermore, ft check the further increase of the indiscriminate saughter of Russian citizens all civilized nations should register their abhorrence of such barbar-You will inquire therefore whether the Government to which you are ac-credited will be disposed to take some immediate action, which is entirely divorced from the atmosphere of bel-ligerency and the conduct of war, to

impress upon the perpetrators of these

crimes the aversion with which civil-

ization regards their present wanton Information of the most reliable charshowing the Bolsheviki are deliberately perusal. conducting a campaign of wholesale murder and terrorism which has resulted GERMANY'S OFFER

n thousands of persons being shot without the resemblance of a trial. Reports have been received showing that subjects of Entente nations were in Peace Proposal Made by Relgrave danger. Unofficial reports now

There are undoubted evidences collusion between German barbarism as Gazette's Heriin correspondent admits practised in Belgium and a brand of that Count Toerring has approached the ancontrolled terrorism which eclipses the Belgian Government concerning peace, worst of the Boxer outrages in China. This newspaper says Count Toerring is In a general way the Bolsheviki, fearing related by marriage to the Belgian royal apparently that their power is fast wan-family and was acting on the convictioning, have resorted to wholesale murder that Belgium had the greatest interest and mass terrorism in a desperate effort in the speedy conclusion of peace. I says he approached the Government pri

commissions against counter vately.

It is added by the Cologne Gacette evolutions and marauding bands vie It is added by the evolutions and marauding bands vie that Count Toerring's "step had, of

#### Need Smokes as Much as Guns and Letters

A SERGEANT, writing from an ordnance repair shop of the First Division, A. E. F., to a SUN Tobacco Fund contributor

says: "Dear Friend-Many thanks for the carton of American cigarettes. When we came over here article, but thanks to THE SUN Fund we are now seldom out of as guns and mail Over Here-SMOKES. "May the good work go on, is wish of Yours truly,

the wish of "JACK WILSON." WARNING! THE SUN TO BACCO FUND has no connection with any other fund, organiza-

no agents or solicitors. See page

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#### Trotzky, Fired On by Soldier, Escapes Death

MSTERDAM, Sept. 21 .- An attempt has been made at Kursk to assassinate Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik Minister of War and Marine, according to a despatch sent from Kiev by the correspondent of the Leipzig Abend Zeitung.

The correspondent says a soldier fired twice at Trotzky, but missed his mark.

## ASKS COMBINED PROTEST AMERICANS SEE **RETREAT SIGNS**

Fires in Town of Dommartin on Lorraine Front Indicate Further Retirement.

Pershing's Patrols Continue to last twenty-four hours. In Epehy, one Dominate Most of Space Between Lines.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE ORRAINE FRONT, Sept. 21.-Fires were observed to-day in the town of Dommartin, behind the German line on this front, with a heavy movement of men and wagon trains behind the line. These were taken to indicate a possible further retirement of the Germans.

ferent points, however, against the ailled the number of their own casualties. ine and on positions to the rear. With the exception of the exchange of artillery fire, mostly directed at fixed tar

gets, there was little activity The Germans are using gas shells to a limited extent, especially for sprinkling wooded areas. The towns of Vilcey and Xammes and the Presie Woods, toward the eastern part of the front southwest of Metz, are points that are being most heavily shelled by the Germans. The American guns are returning the fire and are harassing the Germans to an equal Germana, both on their advance and

No attempt was made by either side continued to dominate the larger part of Both German and American lines south of Metz have now been well sta- opening day. This division experienced Occasional clashes have occurred between outposts, but for the

present neither side is making any trenches, that again and again the men The German artillery has continued its harassing fire, but the American guns have far overreached the enemy's front lines, a shell falling occasionally in the ricinity of Metz and serving to emphasize to the Germans the advances the

Allies have made. the city of Metz, and a bombardment of that place is not expected during the present operations. The fire against the orts around Metz will be continued at

The severity of the action of the Germans against those of their men who are caught reading allied propaganda and by the story of a prisoner taken near Haumont. This prisoner said his hands had been tied behind his back for eight days because he was caught reading a and cried "Kamerad." Then the dealer French pamphlet dropped by an airplane i lighted a fresh cigarette and went on

# TO BELGIUM PRIVATE

ative of Royal Family.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 21 - The Cologno

A despatch from the Havas Agency of Paris on September 17 credited the Echo de Paris as saying that Germany's peace offer to Belgium was prepared last March by a near relative of Queen

The newspaper says that this person, after a conference with Chancellor von Hertling of Germany and the German Secretary, specified in writing the new conditions of the Central Powers The Belgian Government, it was added nitted the German offer to the Entente Allies.

A despatch from Amsterdam the same

day asserted that nothing was known in official circles in Berlin regarding the report that Germany had made separate peace proposals to Belgium.

#### ARCHBISHOP IRELAND WEAKER

Expected at Any Hour. Sr. Paul., Sept. 21. - Archbishop John

another sinking spell, and although he rallied death is expected at any Throughout his illness the Archbishop has been conscious and a number of called at his home

# CAPTIVES TURN TO CAPTORS AS **BATTLE SHIFTS**

Pass Winter There.

By PERRY ROBINSON.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN from the

London Times Service.

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Sept. 21.—There has been no large

post in the ruins of the village resisted

after all the remainder of that area was

in our hands, until, when finally re-

duced, only seventeen Germans were left

unwounded of the original garrison of

forty-five men and three officers. They

The British Yeomanry Division had

which has shown itself poor all through

the battle, and the Thirty-eighth Di-

rision, originally Thuringian, which has

a record of stout fighting early in the

war. From these divisions the Yeomanry

took a large number of prizoners, twice

Many Days Without Relief.

The Yeomanry had difficulty in going

shead in one place because as the troops

on the left were preparing to start for

their second objectives the Germans at

their retirement.

of their captors the next.

once more took his captors, only again

to be made a captive as unexpected Ger-

fifth and final change came, leaving the

An Interrupted Card Game.

interest in it to come out and fight.

Men of the Twentieth German Di-

was found to be that of the battailon

Evidence accumulates of the expecta-

tion of the Germans to spend the winter

driven. In Havrincourt are all sorts of

signs of preparation for a winter's resi-

the German officers appear to have an

that booby traps have been found in the form of mines laid under the bodies of

it decent burial the mine is exploded

HOW UNCLE SAM FIGHTS

Frightfulness could hardly go further

the interruption

ere all of the Alpine Corps.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE,

ovement on the British front in the

**High Ground Dominating** British Unit, Twice Taken, Canal Defence. Twice Freed, Finally Imprisons Enemy.

GIGANTIC SMASH NEARS

FIGHTING GROWS STIFFER Triple Blow Expected to Free Large Section of France Preparations at Havrincourt From German Grip. Show Germans Expected to

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Enemy's Position Becomes

Precarious as British and

French Slowly Gain.

COUNTER ATTACKS FAIL

Haig's Men Getting Near

LONDON, Sept. 21 .- The Germans are struggling desperately to hold their present positions just back of the old Hindenburg line and are delivering furious counter attacks in the effort to stop the British and French advance on the front from Cambrai to south of St. Quentin, but despite this and most unfavorable weather conditions the Allies are progressing stendily and the situation of the Germans is fast becoming

By the capture of Essigny-le-Grand the French have improved their posttion greatly and St. Quentin can now be subjected to artillery fire from three directions. While the Allies' lines early in the year were closer to the city at some points than they are now, it will be contrary to all experience in the present war if, in spite of its strong defences, St. Quentin can hold out much longer against the pressure which the Allies are

#### bringing to bear.

the same time were preparing a counter Counter Attacks Fall. attack. The two advances started simultaxeously and met in the open. Hard fighting followed, which was, witnessed The British to the north slowly are approaching the line of the canal at by the Yeomanry on the right, who had Le Catelet and also the main road bethe times of their lives in enfliading the tween St. Quentin and Cumbral. By a minor operation this morning east of Epehy they advanced their line fur-The Seventeenth Division, fighting ther in the face of the strongest oppractically throughout the entire adposition from the Germans, followed vance without relief, had covered twenby numerous counter attacks, some of ty-four miles since it started by wading them in considerable strength, but all the Ancre and attacking Thiepval on the the German efforts failed. The Britfighting so mixed, as the parties pushed ish objective is the high ground which

dominates the canal. It is in this region that military exwere prisoners one minute and captors Perts expect to see a smashing blow delivered against the German main One officer said he had taken a bunch defence positions, which, if successful, of prisoners who later turned and cap- will clear all that part of France of the tured him. Then, when aid arrived, he invader, and apparently the time for

such a blow is close at hand. Closely connected with this moveman reenforcements came up. Then the ment and perhaps of even greater importance is the French operation northeast of Soissons. The chief importance of St. Quentin to the Ailies is London troops clearing a triangle of that it is the chief outpost guarding wood southwest of Havrincourt found a Laon from the north. Laon is probparty of Germans in a dugout playing ably the most important supply depot cards. Apparently they knew that an that the Germans have in France, attack was on, but did not take enough ranking even above Lille and the whole French plan apparently is di-When our men came to the steps of the

#### rected to its reduction Only Ten Miles From Laou.

A comparatively slight additional dealing the cards as if rather bored by advance by the French on their present lines would make Laon and the dsion counter attacked against the vil-Chemin des Dames, which guards it on the east, untenable by the Germans. lage of Havrincourt, but the attack was broken before they had gone 300 yards The French are only ten miles from by the steadiness of the Hampshire the city now, and it is under the fire troops with their rifles; it was a com- of their heavy guns, while fires have plete failure. Prisoners told us that the been observed in St. Quentin, the sign regimental commander, in an ungoy- of a German retreat, and the civilian troops to attack again next morning.

ernable rage, commanded the same population is being removed. The outlook at the end of the wee. They did and succeeded in penetrating is most favorable, perhaps more favor a corner of the village, only to be thrown able in its broader aspects than at any time this year. By his three successive In the course of this attack one of drives in the last eleven days in widely our machine gunners held a position separated sectors in Picardy, Laonnais just to the right of the point where the and Lorraine, Marshal Foch has put enemy made the temporary penetration, the group of armies commanded by the He kept his gun going at close quarters German Crown Prince in a most perilous throughout, killing many of the enemy, position. Their line of retreat from While thus engaged a German officer Laon to Maubeuge is threatened by the came at him from the side, but when he British, while the siternative route from was within five yards the machine gun- Laon and Rheims to Luxemburg and ner shot him with his revolver. When Metz is menaced by the American ac-

#### the Germans were driven back the body vance north of St. Mihiel. Weather Expected to Improve.

The official forecasters predict a de-cided improvement in the weather which on the ground to which they have been is likely to continue for several weeks driven. In Havrincourt are all spris of If this predictin is fulfilled, a revival of resumption of fighting on a large scale dence. In addition to ordinary stores we captured an incredible quantity of may be expected as soon as the ground captured an incredible quantity of hardens a bit so as to permit the move-luxuries in the shape of wines, liquors, ment of troops and guns in the extensive mineral waters, and cigarettes, of which mineral waters, and cigarettes, of which though the Germans are offering much stronger resistance in the last week o I hear a dreadful story which apparso, it was the weather more than the Kaiser's troops that caused the apparen-

with the improvement in the last few German soldiers killed a day or so be-fore, an attachment being made to the clothing in such a manner that when clothing in such a manner that when will increase as conditions become more our burial parties lift the body to give extent than any other branch subject to the vagaries of the weather; not that they cannot fly in bad weather. flying is of little use, as their observa-tion is extremely limited. One of the chief objects of Gen. Pe-

shing's advance, probably, was to bring about exactly the situation as regards a possible German retreat on a huge scale that has now been accomplished, while